ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 **APPARATUS, SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUBSCRIPTION
COMPUTING USING SPARE RESOURCES OF SUBSCRIBER
COMPUTING PLATFORMS**

An apparatus, system and method for subscription computing using spare
resources of subscriber computing platforms are provided. In he apparatus, system,

10 method, computation and storage intensive tasks of subscription computing are
performed with subscriber resources in a peer-to-peer model rather than with
centralized resources owned by a service provider. Resources may be allocated on
unused workstations, workstations not currently in active use, or on workstations
elsewhere in the enterprise or in other subscriber enterprises. Moreover, workstations

15 in the enterprise may be equipped with extra resources for use in providing the
subscription computing services of the present invention.

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